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SUBJECT: MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2826 (B) ANKARA 8009

1. AS SEVERAL RECENT CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE CROSSED,
WE WISH TO REAFFIRM PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND TO
UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO MAKING REAL EFFORT
TO RESOLVE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE AT THIS TIME.

2. FOR ANKARA: WE REGARD GOT ROLE AS CRUCIAL IN EXERTING
PRESSURE ON DENKTASH TO ACCEPT SOME COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
ALONG LINES WE OUTLINED TO CHELIK. GUVENDIREN 'S DESIRE TO
ADOPT "HANDS-OFF" ATTITUDE STRIKES US AS UNFORTUNATE SINCE
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RESOLUTION OF THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE, IN THE SENSE OF
REMOVING IT FROM THE PROPAGANDA PLANE TO THE TECHNICAL
LEVEL, CLEARLY IS IN TURKISH INTERESTS. WE HOPE TURKS CAN
BE PERSUADED TO SPEAK TO TURKISH-CYPRIOTS BEFORE DECUELLAR
APPROACHES DENKTASH.

3. FOR NICOSIA: WE BELIEVE THAT, WHILE DE CUELLAR SHOULD

BE ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE MATTER VIGOROUSLY, HE SHOULD BE LEFT TO MAKE APPROACHES TO GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON HIS OWN. YOU MIGHT, HOWEVER, WISH TO CLARIFY WITH

DE CUELLAR INSTRUCTIONS THAT HE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH URQUHART, COUNSELOR NIMETZ SPOKE OF EACH SIDE NOMINATING ONE MEMBER TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE FROM A HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION OF ITS CHOICE--WHICH COULD PERHAPS BE RED CROSS FOR ONE SIDE AND RED CRESCENT FOR OTHER. WE SOUGHT TO LEAVE OPEN IDENTITY OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS THIRD MEMBER, WHO COULD BE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE OR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL SELECTED BY THE TWO CYPRIOTS. AS GIVEN IN PARA 3, REF (B), DE CUELLAR'S INSTRUCTIONS WOULD SEEM TO CALL FOR HIM TO PROPOSE JOINT COMMITTEE OF TWO CYPRUS RED CROSS MEMBERS AND ONE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE. THIS, IN ESSENCE, REFLECTS GOC POSITION; THERE IS NOTHING IN IT FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE. VANCE

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